

Available Resources for

Relatives as Caregivers

In Kansas, one in four children in the custody of the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families (DCF) live with relatives- relatives who are dedicated to providing primary care for grandchildren, nieces, nephews or siblings who are out of the home in foster care. Relatives providing care for children in out of home placement have options for financial assistance and access to other supports .



Important Information about Available Resources for

Relatives as Caregivers for Children in the Custody of the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families

Financial Support

Relatives may apply for Temporary Assistance for Families (TAF), childcare and a medical card for each child by contacting the closest DCF Service Center. Call 1-888-369-4777 or visit www.dcf.ks.gov to locate the Service Center nearest you.

Relatives may become the payee for benefits the child might be receiving, such as, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Assistance (SSA) by contacting the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213.

If the child placing agency standards are met, relatives may

negotiate a financial plan with the child's case management provider. Relatives may receive financial assistance at the foster home payment rate, if licensed as a foster care home through Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and are willing to provide care for both related and non-related children. To learn more information, contact the child's case management provider.

Kinship Support

With an increase in relatives providing care for children, support and resource groups are being formed across the state. For information on available support groups, contact the

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services at 1-800-432-3535 or visit their website for the Relatives as Parents Program at www.kdads.ks.gov

Requirements

To meet the requirements for financial assistance, a walkthrough of the home is conducted and each adult living in the home must pass criminal background check(s) by the child placing agency or the KDHE and each adult living in the home must pass a Child Abuse Neglect registry check.

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